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In re application of:

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For: COMBINATION OF SCREW WITH
STABILIZED STRENGTH AND
SCREWDRIVER BIT, AND HEADER
PUNCH FOR MANUFACTURING THE
SCREW WITH STABILIZED STRENGTH

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which is now entering the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 4-62408 published in Japan on May 28, 1992;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 10-30625 published in Japan on February 3, 1998;
- C. Japanese Patent No. 3026965 published in Japan on January 28, 2000;
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2000-230526 published in Japan on August 22, 2000;
- E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-280324 published in Japan on October 10, 2001;

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- F. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 56-14614 published in Japan on February 12, 1981;
- G. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 49-78663 published in Japan on July 8, 1974;
- H. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-193719 published in Japan on July 17, 2001;
- I. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 50-142956 published in Japan on November 26, 1975;
- J. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 38-26549 published in Japan on December 19, 1963; and

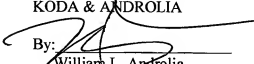
K. U.S. Patent No. 3,108,623 issued to Muenchlinger et al. on October 29, 1963.

The above-listed prior art A-E are not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of these prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

The above-listed prior art F-K are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application. Though these prior art F-K cited in the Search Report are not in the English language, the Search Report (a copy thereof enclosed) is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Ys and As along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for each of these non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,
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